

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 13-16, and 18-19 are pending in the applications. In the Final Office Action mailed on July 16, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 13-16, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over AU Patent No. 200,223,231 to Nagle *et al.* (hereinafter “Nagle”), in view of U.S. 6,158,555 to Brown Jr, (hereinafter “Brown Jr.”). Applicant filed a Response on September 17, 2007, wherein amendments to claims 1, 3, and 13 were made. Applicant hereby further amends claims 1 and 19 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3 in this Supplemental Response. Accordingly, claim 3 is canceled in this Supplemental Response, and claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 1 rather than canceled claim 3.

The patentability of claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 13-16, and 18-19 was also discussed in the Remarks of the Response filed on September 17, 2007. For the sake of brevity, the Remarks are not repeated herein, but are merely incorporated by reference from the Response to Office Action filed on September 17, 2007.

Specifically, the patentability of claim 3, the subject matter of which is now incorporated into claims 1 and 19, is discussed on page 11, paragraph 1-4, of the Response to Office Action filed on September 17, 2007. Thus, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the incorporated remarks.

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for his courtesy in considering this Supplement Response.

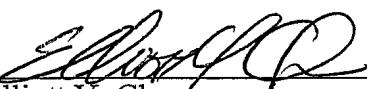
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully request that the above-proposed amendments be entered and that the pending claims 1, 5-8, 10-11, 13-16, and 18-19 be allowed. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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